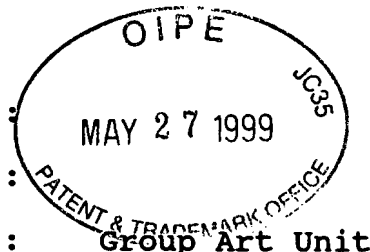


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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of ☒ the reference listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

1a. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:  
within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the above-entitled application, or  
before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits,  
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1b. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted  
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was known to any individual designated in  
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3. ☐ Consideration of the following additional information  
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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the  
attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

a. ☐ an English language translation submitted  
herewith,

b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the  
English language) submitted herewith,

- c. ☐ an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith,
- d. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page^s \_\_\_\_\_,
- e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- f. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below:

5. ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d), the Commissioner is hereby petitioned to consider the present Information Disclosure Statement. The required petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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